ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : Sir, I beg to submit a point for the consideration of the House. In consonance with the practice you have also allotted one day for Land Revenue, Education, and Public Works. When voting of demands was taken in the 1st Council, the then President Mr. Raghaviah, stated that the time which would be allowed for the Budget Discussion will be a day, and that a day will be considered as five hours exclusive of the time taken for questions and answers. This will be found in Volume I, page 127, of the Legislative Council Proceedings, and this right has been exercised by this Council till now, and if any member insisted on his right it has not been denied to him. This is what he says —

> "We meet at half-past eleven. Some time is taken up for questions and answers, and about three-fourths of an hour for luncheon. If we sit up from 11-30 A. M. to 5-30 P. M. we shall get about five hours for Budget Discussion each day, except on the last day when I shall have to close the debate exactly at 5 P. M; and thus a full day will be five hours, and half a day two and a half hours."

At that time only 10 or 11 questions were answered each day and the time which was calculated for answering the questions was about 15 minutes, and the time taken for lunch was three-quarters of an hour. Excluding one hour we had five hours in full for voting on demands; and if we are given only five hours inclusive of the time for questions and answers I need not particularly point out that in the course of seven days we would be losing three and a half hours in voting on demands. So, I request you to consider this point.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Is Mr. Asan able to cite any ruling to the effect that the House should sit beyond 5o'clock for making up the five hours over and above the interpellation time? I will explain what I mean. The time that may be allotted for discussing a demand may be five hours and if five hours over and above the interpellation time cannot be found in one day's sitting the further discussion of the demand would stand over for the next day. It may be open to the House to ask for that. Apart from that I ask Mr. Damodaran Asan whether there is any ruling to the effect that time taken up by the interpellations should be made up by the House sitting extra time after 5 P. M.?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): This is what the President stated :—

> "If we sit up from 11-30 A. M. to 5-30 P. M. we shall get about five hours for Budget Discussion each day, except on the last day when I shall have to close the debate exactly at 5 P. M. and thus a full day will be five hours, and half a day two and a half hours."

The House dispersed at 5-30 and no motion lapsed on that day, and no member raised this question. I am not strictly standing upon a

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

statutory right. But this is a right which we have been enjoying till now and which has not been denied to us till now. It is in that spirit that I appeal to you not to deprive us of the 3½ hours' discussion. If the House is to disperse at 5 O'clock, then we lose the opportunity of three and a half hours' discussion during these seven days.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I have been a member of this House now for four years. To the best of my memory the practice has been for the House to sit only till 5 o'clock, taking it that 5 hours would be obtained from 11·30 to 5 excluding half an hour for lunch, so that the interpellation time will also be included in the five hours. We used to sit beyond 5 only if the lunch interval was extended. It is just possible that if any member demanded that five hours should be calculated excluding the interpellation time we might have done that and made it by taking up some hours or minutes the next day. But that would not mean that we should sit after five on any day and make up time. If it is the desire of the House that they should get full five hours after the interpellation time it may be possible to concede the demand by continuing to discuss the demand next day also after the interpellation time. But that means that the members will lose time in the end.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Law Member refer to any of the Proceedings relating to voting on demands and assert that this Council was dispersing at 5? I submit, Sir, it cannot be shown that on any day when any item was to lapse the Council dispersed at 5. Last year on the day previous to the last day the Council dispersed at 5-17 and the President said that the Council would meet at 11-15 the next day and cut down the interval also. But then, the interval was 45 minutes and the time taken for answering questions was not so much as now.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I feel quite positive subject to correction, of course, that we never sat after five *for the purpose of* compensating the interpellation time. But the House did not sometimes meet at 11-30, or the lunch interval was longer than half an hour or for some such reason, the full five hours cannot be found between 11—30 o' clock and 5 and then the sitting of the day was extended *pro tanto* to make up time lost and thus we might have sat till 5-30 and that way the time extended. Would the member be able to refer to any single instance when for compensating the time taken up by interpellations the House sat after five?

PRESIDENT: If the lunch interval was 45 minutes, they must have sat later.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, Sir, that is what I suggest.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is not possible for me to go through all the Leigslative Council Proceedings. I appeal to you, Sir, since we were exercising this right, the time should be allowed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): To me it seems that 5-30 is the time for rising, because in the Rules relating to the motions for adjournment, it is clearly stated:

"The debate on a motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance shall be taken up at 3-30 P. M. and, if not earlier concluded, shall automatically terminate at 5-30 P. M., and thereafter no questions can be put."

In the absence of any other ruling fixing the time when the Council ought to rise for the day and in view of the fact that that has been the practice more or less—

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Does not the member notice that all the demands are to be put at 5 and not at 5-30 on the last day?

PRESIDENT: So far as I can see and so far as I have heard from members who have had long experience in this Council it has never been the practice to compensate for the time taken up in questions and answers. I myself have no objection to grant a few minutes more; but I do not think the members have the right to insist upon the number of days calculated at the rate of five hours each exclusive of the time taken up for interpellations. As the Law Member suggested, if the members want to have full five hours for discussion on any demand for which one day has been allotted, they could have it; but that will go out of the total number of days allotted for the discussion.

The House will now pass on to Demand No. II—Taxes on Income.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND II—TAXES ON INCOME.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 17,220 under Demand No. II—Taxes on Income.

Motion 65.

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,440 for Income Tax Inspectors by Rs. 10.

MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*): ഇൻകം ടാക്സ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ ൪,൪൪൦ രൂപായിൽനിന്നും ൪൦ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം.

ആദായനികുതി തിട്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിൽ ആദായനികുതി പരിശോധകന്മാർ കാണിക്കുന്ന അനീതികളെ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം സഭയിൽ ഹാജരാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളത്.

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